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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU EXTENDS REPLY COMMENT DEADLINE
ON PETITION FOR EXPEDITED DECLARATORY RULING FILED BY T-MOBILE USA,
INC. REGARDING DATA ROAMING OBLIGATIONS**

WT Docket No. 05-265

Reply Comment Date: August 20, 2014

By this Public Notice, we extend the deadline for filing reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding to allow parties additional time to more thoroughly address the issues raised in the record.¹ Interested parties now will have until August 20, 2014, to file reply comments.²

On July 17, 2014, the Rural Wireless Association, NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, and the Blooston Rural Carriers (collectively “petitioners”) jointly filed a request to extend the reply comment deadline in the above-captioned proceeding from August 11 until August 25, 2014.³ Petitioners state they represent a significant number of rural mobile wireless carriers that have been affected by the issues addressed in T-Mobile's petition.⁴ Petitioners ask the Commission to extend the deadline for reply comments from August 11 to August 25 (a period of 14 days). In support of their request, petitioners note that the reply comment deadline falls during NTCA's regional conference and just prior to RWA's Rural Communications Show. They state that the requested extension will allow them to meet and discuss the issues in-person at the two conferences and, as a result, file reply comments that are better informed and more thorough.⁵ They also note that T-Mobile has consented to the extension.⁶

¹ Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Petition for Expedited Declaratory Ruling by T-Mobile USA, Inc. Regarding Data Roaming Obligations, WT Docket No. 05-265, *Public Notice*, DA 14-798 (rel. June 10, 2014)(“*Public Notice*”).

² The reply comment filing deadline established in the *Public Notice* was August 11, 2014.

³ The Rural Wireless Association, NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, and the Blooston Rural Carriers , Petition for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments, WT Docket No. 05-265 (filed July 17, 2014) (“Joint Petition”).

⁴ See Joint Petition at 1.

⁵ See Joint Petition at 2-3.

⁶ See Joint Petition at 1-2.

It is the general policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁷ Under the circumstances presented, however, we find that there is good cause to grant a short extension of time. Specifically, we extend the deadline for filing reply comments until August 20, 2014, and find that this extension is warranted to enable interested parties sufficient opportunity to review and respond to the issues raised by T-Mobile's petition and the comments filed thereto. We decline to extend the deadline until August 25, 2014, as requested by petitioners. The new deadline of August 20, 2014 is one week after the end of the second conference cited in the Joint Petition and should give petitioners sufficient time to thoroughly address the issues raised in the record.⁸ Accordingly, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,⁹ and Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules,¹⁰ we extend the deadline for filing reply comments until August 20, 2014.

For further information, please contact Brenda Boykin of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division, at (202) 418-2062 or Brenda.Boykin@fcc.gov.

Action by the Associate Chief, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

⁸ See Joint Petition at 2.

⁹ 47 U.S.C. § 154(i).

¹⁰ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.